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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4465

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG; PINT, MY

SUBJECT: RAZALEIGH AND THE PETROLEUM NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 107516

1. EXXON IS KEEPING US INFORMED ON THE STATE OF ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH PETRONAS, BUT TO THIS POINT HAS NOT SUGGESTED ANY DIRECT ROLE FOR THE EMBASSY. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR US TO INTERVENE AT THIS STAGE. IF RAZALEIGH IS IN FACT USING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPROVE HIS POLITICAL POSITION, ANYTHING HE CAN POINT TO AS A USG INTERVENTION WILL STRENGTHEN HIS HAND.

2. SINCE THEIR MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, EXXON HAS ABANDONED ITS POLICY OF PUBLIC SILENCE AND IS KEEPING OTHER GOM FIGURES APPRISED OF STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. AMONG THEM ARE RAZALEIGH'S POLITICAL RIVALS. RAZALEIGH'S POSITION HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OIL COMPANIES AND WHILE NO ONE APPEARS READY TO CHALLENGE HIM NOW, THEY ARE WAITING FOR A MISSTEP. WE SHOULD LET THIS PROCESS PROCEED AT ITS OWN PACE.

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3. AS THE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS, WE WILL OF COURSE

KEEP CONSTANTLY IN MIND THE POINT WHERE SOME FORM OF  
INTERVENTION MAY BE INDICATED.  
UNDERHILL

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